

HOUSE BILL 1278

By Butt

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5 and  
Title 12, relative to local government.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 5-5-102, is amended by adding the  
following new subdivision to subsection (c):

(4)

(A) Notwithstanding this section and § 12-4-101, effective July 1, 2015, if  
a member of a local governing body of a county or municipality, or the member's  
immediate family, is also an employee of the county or municipality, the member  
is prohibited from voting on any matter in which the member has a conflict of  
interest.

(B) As used in this subdivision (c)(4), "immediate family" means a  
spouse, child, stepchild, brother, sister, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, parent, or  
grandparent of the member.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-4-101, is amended by adding the  
following new subdivision to subsection (c):

(4)

(A) Notwithstanding this section or § 5-5-102, effective July 1, 2015, any  
member of a local governing body of a county or a municipality who is also an  
employee of the county or municipality, or whose immediate family is an  
employee of the county or municipality, shall, regardless of when the member's  
employment began, not vote on matters in which the member, or the member's  
immediate family, has a conflict of interest.

(B) As used in this subdivision (c)(4), "immediate family" means a spouse, child, stepchild, brother, sister, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, parent, or grandparent of the member.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.